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民主黨參議候選人Sonia Chang-Diaz與
Dianne Wilkerson專訪~見第八版



Candidates Dianne Wilkerson (left) and Sonia Chang-Diaz (right) at the AACCA Community Forum on September 3.

Meet the Candidates

Democratic contenders for the 2nd Suffolk State Senate District Wilkerson and Chang-Diaz talk about the issues at AACCA Community Forum

By Christopher Rogacz
Additional Reporting by Cody Yiu

The seat in the state Senate for the Second Suffolk District is up for grabs this year as incumbent Dianne Wilkerson and challenger Sonia Chang-Diaz vie for the Democratic Party's nomination. The winner of that contest will face Socialist opponent William Leonard. "The fight to win legalization for all undocumented immigrants is life-and-death question for the entire labor movement," Leonard said in a press release. "Employers bring in immigrant workers to try to push down wages and conditions for all workers. They want a layer of the working class permanently vulnerable to deportation, who will keep their heads down in the face of abuse and who, the bosses hope, will be too afraid to join union struggles."

On September 3, the Asian American Civic Association, publisher of the Sampan, hosted Wilkerson and Chang-Diaz in

a Community Forum to answer question relevant to the Chinatown community. Half of the questions had been pre-selected, with the other half coming from the audience. Discussion ranged from the issue of fully transliterated ballots, which both candidates support, to affordable housing, which both see as very important, though Wilkerson ultimately would like to see less need for as economic opportunities are increased.

Wilkerson traces her roots to the South, where her family experienced racial persecution and decided to move to the North. She received her bachelor's degree from American International College in Massachusetts and earned her Juris Doctor from Boston College as a single mother.

In an interview with the Sampan, Wilkerson shares her views on public policy concerning Chinatown and the Massachusetts immigrant community at large.

Sonia Chang-Díaz, 30, has a peculiar last name, which is half-Chinese and half-Spanish. Chang-Díaz's Chinese heritage traces back to her great grandfather, Chen Wen Ting, who lived in Guangdong at the turn of the 20th century. Chen participated in the Chinese revolution led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, which ended the Qing Dynasty and founded the Republic of China. Chen later fled China for Hawaii to avoid political persecution but found himself in Costa Rica instead.

Chang-Díaz's father, Franklin Chang-Díaz's immigrated to the United States from Costa Rica and later became the first Latino astronaut in the U.S.

Growing up in Newton, Massachusetts, Chang-Díaz attended public schools and later received her bachelor's degree in

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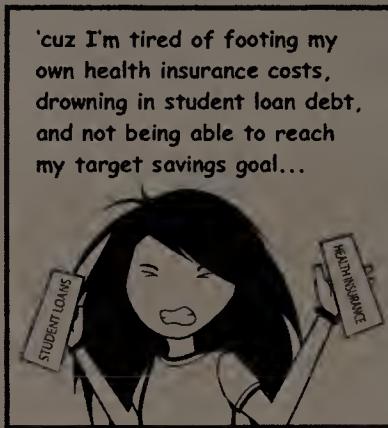
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by Lillian Chan



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Immigrant Rights Survey

AARW, Chinese Progressive Association and Viet-AID are assisting the Institute for Asian American Studies at UMass Boston in designing and conducting a survey to assess Asian American attitudes towards immigration, in particular undocumented immigration. Survey results will help community organizations in their efforts to educate and mobilize their constituencies around immigrant rights and immigration policies. Survey will be conducted in Brookline, Cambridge, Chinatown, Dorchester and Quincy in the fall. We need people, particularly those who are bilingual in Chinese or Vietnamese, to conduct the survey. A stipend will be paid. Surveys may be conducted by telephone and/or face-to-face and will take place over 5-7 days. Some training is involved. If you are willing

to volunteer, your stipend can be donated to the AARW or any of the other groups. If interested, email AARW at info@aarw.org with "Immigrant Survey" in the subject line or call the AARW office at (617) 426-5313 and leave your name, phone number and email address.

Economic Development Focus Group

The Massachusetts Asian American Commission is holding a focus group session on the topic of Economic Development Issues and Concerns of Asian American Business owners in Chinatown. The session is scheduled for September 17th, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM, and will be held at the Oak Street Community Room.

Food and Fuel Summit: Tips to save money this winter

The Food and Fuel Summit will be held Saturday,

September 27th at Madison Park High School in Roxbury. The Summit will feature demonstrations by professionals on winterizing your home and tips on how to make the most out of your grocery budget. Utility partners and community based organizations will be on hand to assist residents in accessing fuel aid and energy efficiency programming. In Boston last year, more than 17,000 families received fuel assistance and the need is expected to rise this year. The Mayor is working with the federal government to expand the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

State Primary, September 16

Massachusetts will hold its state primaries on Tuesday, September 16. The registration deadline for this election has passed. In the Second Suffolk Senate district, of which Chinatown

is a part, Democratic incumbent Dianne Wilkerson faces a challenge by Democrat Sonia Chang-Diaz for their party's nomination in the general election.

Register to Vote!

The deadline for registering to vote in the general election on November 4 is Wednesday, October 22. You may register to vote: in person or by mail, by completing a mail-in registration form and delivering it to your city or town election office; at any local election office in any city or town in the state and at any registration event you encounter anywhere in Massachusetts; or when applying for or renewing your driver's license at the Registry of Motor Vehicles or when applying for service at a designated voter registration agency.

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The Boston Redevelopment Authority will hold a public meeting regarding

Parcel 24 Redevelopment
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Cherry Blossom Room, 821 Washington Street, Boston

Project Proponent: Parcel 24, LLC, a joint venture of Asian Community Development Corporation and New Boston Development Partners**Project Description:** Parcel 24 involves the construction of 435,800 SF, including 325 residential units, 5,500 SF of commercial/ retail space, 6,000 SF community space and 165 parking spaces on an 58,000 SF vacant lot bounded by Hudson Street to the east, Kneeland Street to the north, and Albany Street to the west in Chinatown.

The Proponent is also requesting a Planned Development Area ("PDA") designation for the site. The PDA Development Plan was submitted to the BRA on August 26, 2008.

Comment Period for the DPIR ends: September 23, 2008**Comment Period for the PDA ends:** October 10, 2008

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Cantonese translation will be provided. Copies of the Draft Project Impact Report and the PDA Development Plan may be reviewed at the BRA, Boston City Hall, 9th floor, Monday - Friday, 9AM - 5PM.

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the University of Virginia. She was a public school teacher in social studies and history.

This has been an exciting, and many say, historic electoral season, with the coming end of President Bush's time in office, and a hotly-contested presidential race between Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain, energizing voters from across the political spectrum.

The salient themes of this year's campaigning: Experience and Change. Calls for change in Washington are nothing new in politics, but Senator Obama message of changing everything about Washington is a rare message, and one that is deeply dependant on context, as with President Reagan's "It's morning in America" and Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. In the Democratic primary, Hillary Clinton ran on her experience.

Those same themes, Change versus Experience, seemed to govern the

campaign postures that Wilkerson and Chang-Diaz have taken.

Wilkerson closed her argument for her candidacy by saying she has been fighting for her constituents and has seen results, and that "nobody does it better." Chang-Diaz, who challenged Wilkerson in 2006 but lost, ended saying "There are serious challenges." Continuing, "Change is possible on all of these issues."

Wilkerson has faced her share of political criticism in the past, often stemming from her personal finances. Her troubles have not, so far, kept her out of elected office. Chang-Diaz would like to offer voters the chance to have many of the same progressive views that Wilkerson holds, only without the baggage.

The primary will be held on Tuesday, September 16. The deadline to register has passed. The general election is Tuesday, November 4, and the registration deadline is October 22.

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On the Issues

Sonia Chang-Diaz

By Cody Yiu

Sampan: Could you tell us about where you grew up and where you received your education?

Chang-Diaz: I grew up in Newton, Massachusetts with my sister and mother while my mother was working toward her master's degree in social work. She has since dedicated her career to helping those most forgotten in our society—from adults with mental illness, to foster children in need of loving families, to at-risk toddlers and infants in Dorchester. My father, an immigrant to this county from Costa Rica, served the United States for about 20 years as an astronaut and scientist with NASA. My parents were integral parts of my education—setting a strong example for my sister and me of the importance of service to community.

Sampan: What is your view of the big developments that are being proposed in Chinatown?

Chang-Diaz: The approach that I'll always take when it comes to development in the neighborhood is "How do we best benefit the residents?" and "How do we preserve the unique character of Chinatown for future generations?" Winning on both of these questions requires a lot of balancing: we need to set strong standards for affordable housing so that we can keep Chinatown's families here, and green space inclusion so we can keep the neighborhood healthy and livable. But we also need to recognize that it takes some density and commercial development in order to finance affordable housing and green space. My approach will be to get into the details and find out how we can strike the most advantageous balance for the community. Additionally, I'll see it as part of my job as State Senator to be a fighter for answers and transparency for Chinatown residents, throughout the decision-making processes on development.

Sampan: What do you think about the problem of there not being enough affordable housing in the area?

Chang-Diaz: The state government plays a vital role in making affordable housing production possible for private developers and in funding first-time and low-income home ownership programs—through the Affordable Housing Trust and Housing Stabilization Funds. I support the Governor's Housing Bond bill but also believe we must address the state's on-going revenue problems in order to invest adequately in these housing funds. This will involve closing remaining corporate loopholes, without giving away the benefits of such savings by granting further corporate tax cuts; ensuring that no public monies are spent on private development that does not involve verifiable public benefit; and speaking out strongly against current attempts to rollback the income tax.

Sampan: What do you feel about Chinatown residents' fears of gentrification?

Chang-Diaz: These fears are well founded because Chinatown has such proximity to prime downtown locations. It will be priority for me to preserve the character and accessibility of neighborhoods and make sure that the development we're doing benefits those in the neighborhood, rather than displacing them. As a State Senator, I would want to look at creative ideas like varying the inclusionary zoning laws to recognize & harness the different market forces that exist in different neighborhoods. For example, space in downtown can command a higher price than in outer city neighborhoods. As a result, it gives the community greater leverage in getting increased affordable housing commitments. In addition, I would be guided by the principle that we should always take the opportunities we can and that are sensible to take to hold the line against gentrification.

Sampan: What is your view on undocumented immigrants in Massachusetts?

Chang-Diaz: As a State Senator I would work to protect access to state-based education and health related services without regard to documentation status; effectively delivering the message that such policy is both fair and humane AND good economics for the Commonwealth. In addition, I would oppose all attempts to criminalize immigrants. We have seen the impact of the New Bedford raid—separating families, mothers from children. We have also seen the impact on the entire immigrant community when indiscriminate raids like those undertaken in Nassau County earlier this year unfairly target legal immigrants. Further, I would oppose all hate-mongering and will speak out against those who use radio and other media to spread disrespect and abuse. Finally, I would work with the community and our Congressional delegation to press for a coherent policy at the federal level rather than accept the status quo and pursue ineffective policy at the State level.

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Dianne Wilkerson

Sampan: Could you tell us about where you grew up and where you received your education?

Wilkerson: I was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in my grandmother's shotgun shack, because the local hospital did not allow black women entry to deliver children. To escape the racial harassment from the Ku Klux Klan prominent in the South at the time, my family moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, grew up in Springfield attending elementary, junior high,

the High School of Commerce and the American International College, graduating with a B.S. in Public Administration. I came to Boston 30 years ago this week to attend Boston College Law School and earned my J.D. in 1981. I served as the first African American female to clerk in the Massachusetts Appeals Court and then went on to become the first African American female to serve as Deputy Counsel to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. In 1985 I was recruited by former Gov. Michael Dukakis to serve as his Assistant Legal Counsel. The only way I was able to achieve what I have is through education. I came to Boston to attend law school as a single mom knowing full well that taking advantage of Massachusetts' incredible academic institutions was a critical component to my future and my success. I went on to become the first African American female to obtain a partnership in a major law firm in Boston and then in 1992 was elected the first African American female elected to the Massachusetts State Senate.

Sampan: What is your view of the big developments that are being proposed in Chinatown?

Wilkerson: I think that we have to be vigilant to make sure that the big development doesn't come at the expense of the fragile cultural network and safety net that so many Chinatown residents, particularly seniors, rely on. One of those big developments, Parcel 24, has the potential to be a positive for the Chinatown community. I have been an long-time enthusiastic supporter of the proposed mixed-income, mixed-use development on Parcel 24 that will provide much needed housing while restoring the fabric of the neighborhood that existed 40 years ago. The proposed development by Parcel 24 Limited Liability Corporation ("LLC") will transform what is now a vacant lot back into a vibrant, residential block of Chinatown and provide a new connection to and from the South Station Connector and Chinatown Gateway parcels. In addition to stabilizing the residential base in Chinatown with an exceptional amount of affordable and market-rate homeownership units, the proposed project will benefit local businesses with additional customers, and extend the Kneeland Street commercial corridor.

Sampan: What do you think about the problem of there not being enough affordable housing in the area?

Wilkerson: I have been in favor of local initiatives to keep housing affordable and available to families long before coming to the State Senate. However, I think we must also focus energy and attention to providing the kind of resources, training and support that helps build people up so there is less reliance on the need for affordable housing. That is something we have not done a very good job of in Massachusetts. I have for several years been the chief sponsor of a number of bills aimed at protecting and expanding affordable housing. The Senate passed the bill just this year on Expiring use to provide protection for families living in multi-family housing.

Sampan: What do you feel about Chinatown residents' fears of gentrification?

Wilkerson: I understand the fear, and I think that it is legitimate. I think the potential result of gentrification has more dire consequences for Chinatown than any other community. The social and economic environment that exists in Chinatown is one built on pooling resources and support for the elderly residents by younger residents who assist every day in translating and managing day to day life. If the community is dispersed it becomes difficult if not impossible for them to survive.

Sampan: What are your views on undocumented immigrants?

Wilkerson: I do not support policies that criminalize undocumented immigrants. Once undocumented workers/immigrants are here, the vast majority live by the rules of this country. If it were not for the fact that our laws require social security numbers for employment tax purposes, chances are that most undocumented immigrants would go unnoticed or seen as violating any laws. Furthermore the policy of not allowing undocumented immigrants to possess a driver's license is not only mean spirited it also does not make sense. I understand that the legitimate concerns about protecting our borders and fighting against terrorist attacks must be addressed. However, I don't think the way to do so is to criminalize all undocumented.

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Building an ideal community

By Amy Zhao

What's your ideal community? Some people say no violence, others say affordable housing. As a Chinatown resident I would say Chinatown is a great community to live in but it's not everyone's ideal place to live. Chinatown has several issues that can be worked on and can be turned into everyone's ideal community.

Some of the issues include luxury developments on the rise, environmental issues, decreasing space in Chinatown, need of library and etc. All of these can be resolved with the help of politicians and if everyone in the community come together.

One of the major issues is that there's a limited amount of space in Chinatown. Chinatown residents want these things: affordable housing, a library, a park, and jobs.

There are very less land available to build these things that Chinatown residents want.

New England Medical Center takes up one third of Chinatown's land. Also with luxury developments on the rise, Chinatown land becomes more expensive to build on. Some of the land in Chinatown available to build on is Parcel 24 which is near the highway, Parcel 12 which is a parking lot and the area near the gateway.

Parcel 24 which is near the highway would be perfect for affordable housing but with the highway right next to it. It would produce a lot of air pollution to the residents that would live there. That brings up another issue of Chinatown, pollution from cars and the highway.

If everyone in the community come together

and work together. We can solve any type of issue, whether it is pollution or building a library. We just need people to speak up for their community. The residents know what they want and need. Together we can make Chinatown a better place to live.



Amy Zhao, above, is a student at the Boston Latin School



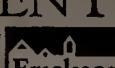
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"Miracle Baby of Vietnam" Meets His Boston Fans

By Cody Yiu

Two weeks ago, Thien Nhan, or better known as the "Miracle Baby of Vietnam," arrived at Dartmouth-Hitch Medical Center in New Hampshire for medical treatment. During his trip to New England, he also made two stops in Boston, where he was greeted by his overseas fans.

At first glance, Thien Nhan appears to be another happy-go-lucky toddler running on adrenaline. At second glance, one cannot help but notice Thien Nhan's missing right leg. Abandoned at a birth in the woods, Thien Nhan was found three days later. His body was covered in blood and swarmed with ants. During the first 72 hours of his life, Thien Nhan was also mauled by an animal, probably a dog, which left his right leg, penis and testicles badly injured.

But Thien Nhan survived all these. And his story made him an overnight celebrity in Vietnam. When his story caught media attention, letters, personal visits and donations flooded in from all over the nation. After the local police had located his birth mother, a 17-year-old woman, Thien Nhan was returned to his birth family.

Tran Mai Anh, an editor for Vietnam Airlines inflight magazine, who could not get Thien Nhan off her mind.

"I could not stop thinking about him. I wondered how he was doing. Finally, I told my husband that we should pay him a visit," Tran said in a meeting with the Boston press last weekend.

In late 2007, Tran and her husband, Phung Quang Nghinh, a journalist for the Radio Voice of Vietnam, set out on a journey from Hanoi to Quang Nam to search for this little baby who had stolen their hearts. When Thien Nhan was found, for the second time, his condition was just as heartrending as the first time around.

"He was left alone in the house. The floor he was crawling on was extremely dirty. It was a chilly day, the temperature only about 20 degrees Celsius, and yet he was merely wearing a thin layer of clothing and a pair of shorts," Tran said.

Soon after that visit, Mah Anh and Quang Nghinh decided they wanted to adopt Thien Nhan, a gesture that was almost unheard of among the Vietnamese. Thien Nhan's biological grandmother was very eager to give the baby away to the couple, but in order to make the adoption legal, they needed the signature of the birth mother, who was nowhere to be found. Despite all the twists and turns, Thien Nhan finally went home to his two adoptive parents and two elder brothers; his adoption was finalized this March.

Finding himself in an unfamiliar world, Thien Nhan's (meaning "good person" in Vietnamese, a name given by visiting monks) survival instincts kicked in: he would carefully smell every food before venturing to put it in his mouth.

"He was also very good at peeling bananas. For a one-year-old, it was an impressive skill. The area where he was born produces bananas. Since he was left alone most of time, he might have learned to feed himself bananas to survive," Tran said.

During his first few weeks with his adoptive family, Thien Nhan hid in the

corner and interacted only with his two adoptive brothers, aged 3 and 8. Toys and cartoons, while would appeal to other children of his age, had no effect on Thien Nhan. He stared blankly as if those visual stimulants were invisible to him.

Thien Nhan's medical condition was also worrisome. His adoptive parents were lost trying to find the right medical treatment for their son; unbeknownst to the couple, help was already on the way. Greig Craft, a long-term American businessman in Hanoi contacted Joseph Rosen, a plastic surgeon at Dartmouth-Hitch Medical Center who travels to Vietnam every year to operate on children with cleft palate. Rosen quickly agreed to treat Thien Nhan, whose injured penis made his urination difficult.

Through public and private fundraising efforts, Craft and several non-profit organizations, such as Kids Without Borders, raised \$50,000 for Thien Nhan's trip to the U.S.

"On our way to New Hampshire, we had lunch at a Vietnamese restaurant in Boston. The owners immediately recognized Thien Nhan and gave him a gift basket," said Hoang Thi Na Huong of Asian Injury Prevention Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by Craft. On August 19, Thien Nan checked into the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. His first surgery, a 90-minute urethral procedure to improve his urination, was a success.

Before continuing their medical journey to Chicago, the family once again made a stop in Boston, where Thien Nhan discovered more of his overseas fans. Liem Tran, a Vietnamese-American, greeted Thien Nhan with toys and sweet treats at a luxury hotel near Logan Airport.

Pulling out a Spider Man toy out of the gift bag, Thien Nhan's gasped in excitement.

"It certainly takes a village to raise a child," quipped Tran, who arranged complimentary accommodation

for the traveling family.

Phung Quang Nghinh, Thien Nhan's father, may be a man of few words, but his eyes speak volumes about his affections for son: his gaze follows Thien Nhan everywhere.

Craft, who accompanies the family on their US trip, said Thien Nan still requires extensive medical care for the next fifteen years.

"We will need a lot of money for his treatment; we are not going to be shy about it. We hear stories about compassion and giving all the time, but there is something different about this one that manages to capture the heart of a nation," Craft said.

Thien Nhan's story is unique because this tot does not let self-pity or pride get the better of him. He does not play up his misfortunes to win sympathy or get carried away by his fame. In fact, he much prefers joking about his one-leggedness with his brothers to posing for the camera. This two-year-old from Vietnam shows the world what it means to face life head-on, like a child.

Visit Thien Nhan's blog at <http://help-thien-nhan.blogspot.com/>

Retired. Fixed Income. Rising Costs!

By Michael C. Tow

Before you retired five years ago, you probably did an overview of your retirement based on your income and expenses thinking it looked doable. Your retirement income factored in your social security income, pension income, and interest from your investments. At that time, you accounted for your monthly expenses and the numbers worked. You had more income than expenses and it didn't include drawing down any principal from your Investments or IRA's.

Now here it is five years later and over the last year your expenses soared higher than what you budgeted for initially. That cushion of income you had has evaporated due to higher expenses. What happened?

The main reason your expenses have jumped is due to oil prices. Five years ago, a barrel of oil cost about \$35. Today the price for a barrel is well over \$100. Within five years, the price of a barrel of oil has tripled! How does that affect you?

Firstly, your heating bills have skyrocketed. Also the amount it costs to fill your gas tank of your car has more than doubled. With higher gas prices, not only your car costs have gone up but it also affects transportation costs of goods you buy. These higher transportation costs

translate into higher prices for goods including your groceries.

What is a retiree supposed to do?

Reexamine your expenses.

I remember it as the TOW: Track, Observe and Work out. Track every time you spend money over a month period. Observe your results and see where you could cut back on spending or expenses. Work out the changes to your spending and stick to it. By doing this exercise, it may surprise you where your money goes every month.

Find a part time job.

Here's a chance to do something new, like a hobby that pays. I have a retired client who loves to golf but it's expensive and he needs some additional income. So, he found a job at a golf course for a few hours in the morning each week.

The big perk is he gets to play as much golf as he wants for free. He is increasing income while reducing expenses.

Live with your children.

If this is an option, it could be a win-win situation. By living with your children, it would cut your upkeep costs of your own place and bring in assets from selling your home. You could contribute towards some house bills which help them and

be able to help watch the grandkids.

Look into a reverse mortgage.

A "reverse" mortgage is a loan against your home that you do not have to pay back for as long as you live there.

With a reverse mortgage, you can turn the value of your home into cash without having to move or to repay the loan each month. You pay back the loan when you die, sell the home, or permanently move out. Costs to do this can be high and it's not for everyone.

Hopefully some of these options are available to you and it may be the solution for you. Good luck but most of all enjoy your retirement!

If you have a topic that you would like me to discuss in a future article please email me at mtow@newbostonfinancial.com

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As Warm Weather Lasts, Fight Obesity!

By Jeff Hashim

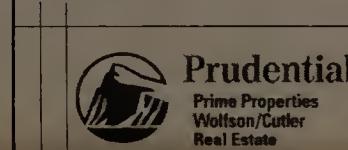
There is an ominous danger that lurks over us all. Obesity is one of the largest and fastest growing epidemics our country has ever seen. Over 16 percent of children ages 6-19 are overweight or obese. That number translates into 9 million children suffering from a condition which is extremely dangerous. According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 64 percent of U.S. adults age 20-74 are either overweight or obese. This number is staggering, and this is the perfect time of year to address some of these statistics.

One of the most common excuses is, "I don't have time to exercise" or, "I don't belong to a gym where I can work out." These excuses just do not cut it. A little bit of physical activity each day can truly go a long way. Many studies suggest that the simple task of walking up the stairs instead of taking the elevator can lead to significant risk reduction for numerous diseases, such as

unbelievably low prices at the outdoor markets at Haymarket and other farmers' markets. Incorporating these foods into your diet and watching what you eat will give you a significant advantage in combating the wide spreading epidemic of obesity that plagues this country.

The ball is in our court. We, and only we, have the power to teach our children the importance of being healthy, instilling in them values that center on healthy diets and physical activity. The next time you notice that it is a beautiful spring day, take your family outside for a walk in the common. It will bring you a twofold advantage - your mind will thank you for a relaxing afternoon and your body will reap the benefits as well. Let us all take one big step towards a healthier lifestyle this spring by incorporating a better diet and more physical activity into all of our lives.

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Workers' Rights Update

By Amee Chew

The Seafood Palace Restaurant kitchen workers received a portion of their owed wages in early August. Not long after the picket, one of the workers revisited the convenience store in South Boston; she found Kevin Dang's wife there and demanded her pay from Kevin Dang. As a result he promised to give them checks later that week. That Friday, the three workers met Kevin Dang at his lawyer's office. The lawyer wrote them checks in his, not Kevin's, name, for the six bounced checks and last four days of work they were not paid for - around \$2,000 to \$3,000 each. To claim the checks, he forced the workers to write statements they would not pursue him anymore. However, the restaurant still owes the workers vacation pay, as well as tens of thousands of dollars in overtime and minimum wage pay. The workers heard the employers recently received \$180,000 from the restaurant's sale, but it is hard to bring a lawsuit to collect the money, because the employers' assets are in other people's names. The Attorney General is continuing to investigate the case.

The Seafood Palace workers were supported in taking public action by members of the Chinese Progressive Association's (CPA) Workers Center Coffee Hour, as well as Latino workers from MassCOSH's Workers Center Committee. CPA Workers Center Committee members stressed that it's important for workers to come together and unite to defend their rights; some described their own experi-

ence of being supported by other workers in another campaign, to explain why they felt it's important to stand up for each other.

The Attorney General's company-wide investigation of C-Mart was originally instigated by a complaint of one worker through CPA. Her complaint made possible the \$60,692 settlement this past spring. Because this worker came forward with information, she had the evidence to receive a larger settlement than the other workers indirectly affected by the investigation will probably get.

When CPA first assisted the worker in sending a letter about her owed wages, C-Mart's owner, Mr. Miao Kun Fang, initially tried to intimidate her into signing a personal settlement agreement, which would have required her to waive her rights. That agreement forbade her from speaking out about her situation, and from seeking damages for any other violations at C-Mart. She refused to sign, and instead filed the AG complaint. In response to the AG's investigation, C-Mart claimed that its workers were not full-time. The business produced false timesheets that reported only part of the workers' hours. C-Mart also claimed it did not use a time-clock (that is clearly installed on the premises).

An attorney from Greater Boston Legal Services helped the worker who filed the original complaint counter C-Mart's allegations for her case. In the end, she settled with C-Mart without having to sign away any rights. She

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Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Daniel O'Connell today announced Massachusetts is up-grading its presence in China and opening a new office in Beijing.

The new office in China's capital city is exclusively dedicated to Massachusetts and will tap growing opportunities for the state's companies in the rapidly expanding Chinese economy while also fostering critical ties with government officials.

In addition to the state's Beijing office, Massachusetts will also maintain a satellite contact office in Shanghai. Massachusetts previously shared a Shanghai-based office with four other states. There will be no additional cost associated with the change.

Daniel Ding, based in Beijing, will serve as Director for both offices in China and will report to the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment (MOITI) (www.mass.gov/moit). Ding will also support the China efforts of the Massachusetts Export Center (www.mass.gov/export). The Massachusetts Beijing office is centrally located within Beijing's financial district; the contact office in Shanghai is situated within Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park - China's preeminent innovation park which is home to more than 6,000 global companies.

Daniel Ding, whose appointment became effective on August 1, will help individual Massachusetts companies increase their exports of goods and services to China and attract foreign direct investment from China to Massachusetts.

Over the past decade, China has become an increasingly important trading partner for the Commonwealth. Exports to mainland China have increased by 79% since 2005.

"Governor Patrick's Trade Mission to China helped inform the Administration as to how we can improve our opportunities in China, and this office, now relocated and refocused, will help ensure continued investments between the Commonwealth and China," said O'Connell. "Companies here at home, specifically in the life sciences and clean energy industries, will have more opportunities to expand and create new jobs in Massachusetts."

The state's China offices offer Massachusetts companies assistance with customized market entry studies, agent/distributor searches, due diligence as well as other local market support.

Daniel Ding has extensive experience working with international companies and has well established close relationships with China's central government in Beijing as well as with regional high level officials and top universities.

Before assuming his current role, Daniel was a Managing Partner at a well established Beijing consultancy and has been honored with the China-Britain Business Council award for creative business solutions. Daniel is a resident of Beijing and holds a degree in business and international management from the Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England.

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Public Meeting/Public Hearing Notice

Preliminary 2008 Service Plan: Proposed Service Changes and Service Policy Modifications

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority will hold ten public meetings and one public hearing to obtain public comment regarding proposed service changes and proposed modifications to the MBTA's Service Delivery Policy as described in the Preliminary 2008 Service Plan. All of the routes with major changes are listed below. The plan is available on the MBTA's web site at http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/t_projects/?id=12769. Alternative format copies are available upon request. Written comments should be addressed to MBTA Service Planning Unit, 45 High Street, Boston, MA 02110, or by e-mail to ServicePlan08@mbta.com. Written comments will be accepted through September 30, 2008. Comments from the public will be considered equally regardless of whether they are received in writing, at the public meetings, or at the hearing.

Public meetings will be held over a period of 3 weeks between September 8 and 29, 2008 as detailed below. These community workshops will consist of a presentation by MBTA staff followed by an informal discussion between MBTA staff and the public regarding the Preliminary 2008 Service Plan.

• Monday, September 8, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Hanlon-Allston Library, 300 North Harvard Street, Allston
• Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Quincy City Hall, 2nd Flr Conference Room, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy
• Monday, Sept. 15, 2008	12:00 Noon -1:30 PM	O'Neill Federal Building, Auditorium, 10 Causeway Street, Boston
• Monday, Sept. 15, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Abigail Adams Middle School, Auditorium, 89 Middle Street, Weymouth
• Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Hinton State Laboratory Institute, 305 South Street, Jamaica Plain
• Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Waltham Government Center, Public Auditorium, 119 School Street, Waltham
• Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Northeastern Univ., Curry Student Center, Room 333, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston
• Monday, Sept. 22, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Lynn Community Minority Cultural Center, 1st Floor, 298 Union Street, Lynn
• Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Northeastern Univ., Egan Research Ctr, Raytheon Amphitheater, 120 Forsyth St., Boston
• Monday, Sept. 29, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Malden Government Center, Council Chamber, 200 Pleasant Street, Malden

The following public hearing fulfills the requirements of 49 USC Chap. 53. This formal public hearing will consist of a presentation by MBTA staff followed by testimony from the public regarding the Preliminary 2008 Service Plan.

• Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.	State Transportation Building, Conference Room 2 & 3, 10 Park Plaza, Boston
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For meetings and hearings, please make any requests for sign language or foreign language interpreters at least one week in advance. Assistive listening devices will be provided. Please plan to arrive early since some sites may have security delays. Picture identification may be required.

The MBTA is also proposing modifications to the *Service Delivery Policy*. The purpose of these modifications is to reflect new monitoring technologies available on buses, match the standards for frequent buses to the standards for rail, more accurately represent the schedule of light rail vehicles within the subway, and make the boat standards more consistent with those for commuter rail. For details, please refer to the Preliminary 2008 Service Plan.

The following is a list of proposed service changes by route. For the routes not listed, no major changes are planned. The plan is designed with no change in operating cost; therefore, any service increase depends on a corresponding service reduction. Changes in the recommendations listed below are anticipated as a result of the public process, and not all of the proposals listed will be implemented. In addition, it is possible that some changes will not occur due to the inability to successfully reallocate the small changes across the region that are necessary to create a cost-neutral final plan. Approved changes are projected to be implemented beginning in Spring 2009. For a detailed description of each proposal, please refer to the MBTA's Preliminary 2008 Service Plan.

Key: Day: W = Weekday; Sat = Saturday; Sun = Sunday.

Route	Day	Description
4	W	Extend route to Tide Street/BMIP; modify morning outbound route to use Commercial St. in the North End.
6	W	Eliminate route due to low ridership
8	Sat/Sun	Eliminate last 1-2 trips on weekends
21	W/Sat	Extend Span of Service by adding trips after 9PM
24	Sun	Extend Span of Service by adding trips between 7AM-9AM
26	W/Sat	Reduce frequency after 9PM
28	W/Sat/Sun	Modify outbound route to bypass John Eliot Square; increase frequency on Saturday evening and Sunday morning
31	W/Sat/Sun	Upgrade to Key Route status; increase frequency during weekday midday, Saturday night, and Sunday night
34/34E	W/Sun	Increase frequency during weekday evening and Sunday afternoon
48	W/Sat	Eliminate route due to low ridership
59	Sat/Sun	Modify weekend route to use Needham St. variation rather than Eliot St.
89	W/Sat	Modify outbound route after 7:30PM weekdays and 7PM Saturdays to serve Davis Sq instead of Clarendon Hill
99	Sat	Modify frequency and extend route to serve Gateway Center
136/137	Sat/Sun	Reduce frequency to every 45 minutes and loop all outbound buses via 136 and inbound via 137; begin new Sunday service
170	W	Eliminate route segment between Waltham and Bedford due to low ridership; add an afternoon inbound trip
201	Sat	Eliminate first two and the final round trip due to low ridership
202	Sat	Eliminate first and last round trips due to low ridership
212	Sat	Eliminate first trip
214	Sat	Combine all Saturday trips with Route 216
216	Sat	Combine all Saturday trips with Route 214
217	W	Eliminate last trip
222	W/Sat/Sun	Extend route to Washington/Pleasant in Weymouth; eliminate route segment between Jackson Sq and Ward/French in Hingham
225	W	Extend some trips to Columbian Sq/South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth; increase frequency during PM peak
230	Sat/Sun	Eliminate last two trips
238	W	Add inbound trip at 5:45AM
439	W	Reduce frequency
441/442	W	Eliminate Haymarket-Wonderland route segment during PM Peak; improve frequency to every 10 minutes during PM Peak
451	Sat	Eliminate first trip
456	W	Reduce frequency
500	W	Eliminate route due to low ridership
554	W	Modify route of selected trips to travel via Forest St, Trapelo Rd., and Waverley Oaks Rd. in Waltham
SL2	W/Sat/Sun	Simplify route by moving layover to South Station, rather than at BMIP; improve frequency
SL3	W	Eliminate route due to low ridership
F1	W	Discontinue 7:40 PM ferry from Hingham and 8:30 PM ferry from Rowes Wharf; modify special holiday schedules
F2/F2H	W/Sat/Sun	Cut trips from Boston after 7:20 PM except in summer; cut last Fri/Sat summer trip; reduce weekday midday freq; cut first weekend trip except in summer; begin summer schedule at Memorial Day rather than mid-June; other minor changes
F4	W	Eliminate Charlestown Navy Yard - Long Wharf ferry on Thanksgiving Day holiday

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collected the full \$8,200 in back-wages she is owed under the minimum wage, overtime, and holiday law. Her example shows how a worker can successfully defend her rights, and also impact others by standing up.

Because other workers did not file complaints or participate in the investigation, the AG's agreement likely compensates them for only a small part of the pay they are actually owed. Other C-Mart former and current employees can still come forward and work together to uphold their rights. If violations persist at C-Mart, it is possible to file a complaint to the AG anonymously. Workers can call CPA at 617-357-4499 for more information.

Former and current employees of Super 88 who are affected by the recent settlement with the AG (those who worked at Super 88 between June 2006 and January 2008) should submit information about their hours to the AG. This will help the AG calculate how much of the settlement they are entitled to, and also counter any

false records provided by Super 88. For help on submitting this information, workers can contact CPA at 617-357-4499 (ask for 余小姐 or 周小姐); or drop in at one of the Workers Center weekly Know Your Rights workshops, every Monday from 10 am - 12 pm, Chinese Progressive Association, 28 Ash Street, Boston, MA 02111.

By coming together, workers can make a difference in supporting each other; those directly affected by a problem can best represent their own interests, and must depend on each other to struggle for their rights. At CPA Workers Center Coffee Hours, workers and unemployed people can discuss problems, seek support and advice, learn from each other's experiences, and learn about their legal rights. Recently, Coffee Hour members are meeting with the Department of Unemployment Assistance to advocate for improved multilingual services.

Coffee Hours are once a month, on Mondays from 2-4 pm; the next Coffee Hours are Sept. 22, Oct. 20, and Nov. 24.

Exhibits

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3rd	15JUN00	15JUN00	15JUN00	15SEP92	22APR91
4th	01OCT97	08APR97	08APR97	15JAN95	08MAR86

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民主黨參議員候選人陳灌蘇妮 Sonia Chang-Diaz 專訪摘要

【本報9月3日訊】今年三十歲的陳灌蘇妮曾經擔任公立學校老師。她的曾祖父陳詠典來自中國廣東省，曾參與了孫中山領導的中華民國革命運動。陳詠典為了逃離政治逼迫而逃亡而想逃離至夏威夷，但因緣巧合之下來到了哥斯大黎加，並在那裡落地生根。陳灌蘇妮得父親陳法蘭科林(Franklin Chang-Diaz)從哥斯大黎加移民到美國，並在美國受高等教育後，後來成為美國首位具有華裔血統的拉丁美洲太空人。

本報：請問妳在這裡成長、受教育？

陳：我在麻州的紐頓市長

大。我成長時是在紐頓市的公立學校唸書，大學在維吉尼亞大學就讀。

本報：請問妳對華埠的大型建設計劃有何看法？

陳：我對會第一先問兩個問題：「這項計劃可以提供給居民哪些利益？」，「我們才可以保存華埠原本風貌留給後代？」要找到平衡這兩個問題的答案不容易：我們必須先提高對平價住屋的要求，以讓華埠家庭繼續在那裡居住，另外社區綠化可以讓居民享受健康的居住環境。

但是我們同時也必須注意到社區裡也必須有一定的商業發展來資助平價住屋。我的法

式是平衡平價住屋以及商業發展來找出對居民最有利計劃。

另外，若我選上了州議員，我會積極讓華埠的社區發展透明化，讓居民知道計劃的發展。我們常常發現一旦談到社區建設計劃，大型建設發展公司和政府單位站一邊，居民站一邊，而語言障礙也造成溝通上的困難。我的工作將會是平衡社區權利。

本報：請問妳對華埠的平價住屋供不應求的現象有什麼看法？

陳：州政府在這個議題上佔了很重要的角色，因為開放私人建設公司建蓋平價住屋的機會以及第一次購屋和低收入

住屋的各項計劃都在的管轄之下。我支持州長的住屋債券法案(Housing Bond bill)，但是同時我們必須注意到州政府長期以來對住屋資助所採取的不良收入方式，像是給於大型財團的減稅優惠，稅收用來發展對大眾沒有益處的私人建設計劃。我也將會強力反對最近常常討論的除去所得稅的議題。

本報：請問妳對麻州內的非正式移民有什麼看法？

陳：移民是美國人身份很重要的定義之一。非正式移民移民者來到美國有各種不同的目的，例如找工作，自由，機會等。《波士頓環球報》在今年獨立慶祝日時刊了一片有關移

民者對美國社會的貢獻，其中一位談到的移民人士即是我的父親。移民人士在美國社會各層面都提供了重大貢獻。我也必須認識到移民議題上所展現的的人性問題，用人性化、經濟化的角度來探討移民法。

若我當上州議員，我會開放州立的醫療以及教育服務給所有需要的居民，不論他們的移民情況是如何。我將要表達的是一種既人性化又經濟化的麻州移民政策。我會也反對將非正式移民犯罪化。我也會凝聚社區以及眾議員代表的意見來爭取一項更完善的麻州移民政策。

麻州參議員戴安韋嘉遜Dianne Wilkerson 專訪摘要

【本報9月3日訊】麻州參議員戴安韋嘉遜(Dianne Wilkerson)自2002年期波士頓區域劃分後成為代表華埠的麻州參議員。

本報：請問妳在這裡成長、受教育？

韋嘉遜：我出生於亞肯薩州(Arkansas)，地點在我祖母的霹彈槍棚屋。當時我家附近的醫院不允許黑人女性進入及生產。我的家人在南方三K黨(Ku

Klux Klan)的種族侵害移居到麻州的春田(Springfield)。我在那裡的公立學校唸書，大學就讀美國國際大學，主修公共事務管理。畢業後我到波士頓的波士頓學院就讀法律學院，當時我是個單親媽媽。

本報：請問妳對華埠的大型建設計劃有何看法？

韋嘉遜：我認為我們應該謹慎面對大型建設計劃，才不會華埠讓文化結構和安全網成

為犧牲品。這些資源都是許多華埠居民。例如24號用地可能在未來提供華埠良性的貢獻。我長期以來都強力支持讓24號用地成為綜合收入、綜合用途的資源；這塊地可以用來提供住屋，恢復這個地段40前的風貌。24地段發展有限公司希望可以將這塊地用來結合南車站和華埠牌樓地段。本報：請問妳對華埠的平價住屋供不應求的現象有什麼看法？

Wilkerson 專訪摘要

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韋嘉遜：我從來不支持將非正式移民犯罪化的政策。大多數的非正式移民者到了美國之後都遵守美國的法律。因為法律規定工作需要社會安全號碼，這些非正式移民者才會被看成隱形人或者是違反法律。不允許非正式移民者取得駕照的政策是非常不友善的舉動，而且也沒有道理。

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Dianne Wilkerson's experience and grasp of the issues facing Chinatown and all of our neighborhoods are crucial. We need her continued leadership to get things done on Beacon Hill.

Mayor Thomas Menino
— 市長莫寧諾

戴安韋嘉遜對華埠唐人街和所有我們鄰里的問題的經驗是至為關鍵的。我們需要她的領導才繼續在省府為我們辦事。

Senator Wilkerson is a friend and mentor who has brought important services and resources that have helped our community. I am proud to support her for re-election because we will need her kind of commitment and skills as we face the challenges ahead.

City Councilor Sam Yoon
— 市議員尹尚賢

戴安韋嘉遜是我們的朋友和導師。她會帶給人們有幫助的重要服務和資源。我感到自豪地支持她的重選，因為當我們面臨著頭前的挑戰時，我們是極需要她這種承諾和技能的。

“Dianne Wilkerson is a champion for fairness and equality. We can count on her to make sure that development in our community puts our families first, for increased funding to support better health care for our children and our elderly. She deserves our support because she's been there for us.”

“戴安。韋嘉遜是公平和平等的冠軍。我們可以依靠她去肯定我們社區的發展是將我們的家庭放在首位，為我們的孩子和長者增加撥款以支持更好的健康護理。她是值得我們支持的，因為她一直都在為我們”。Caroline Chang 黃張玉鶯, Paul Chan, Hung Goon, Suzanne Lee 李素影, Jeremy Liu, Michael Liu 劉仲嶽, Lydia Lowe 駱理德, Ruth Moy 梅伍銀寬, Reggie Wong 黃述占, Marilyn Lee Tom 譚李美蓮

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圖：台灣小食坊的業主馮惠。(本報攝)

【本報8月21日訊】昆士市中央廣場(Quincy Concourse)的改建計劃預計拆除昆士集市(Quincy Fair)大樓，而大樓內的亞洲餐廳可能必須遷移。

台灣小食坊(Taste of Taiwan)的業主馮惠琪受訪時表示目前她還在等待遷移通知的公文，等收到公文後，餐廳在六個月內必須遷移。馮惠琪說：「台灣小食坊於2006年8月搬進昆士集市，而我們在2006年的10月政府就開始聯絡有關遷移的可能性。」根據與昆士市的交涉，馮惠琪表示遷移一事政府不會提供任何商業上的金錢補助，但將提供人力

資源，幫助業主安裝新的爐灶、管道等。台灣小食坊目前還沒有決定新的地點，但是有可能幫到昆士集市的斜對面。

馮惠琪表示這項遷移案子已經談了兩年了，但一直都無確切的決定，連她的二房東對此房產都不知如何是好。

馮惠琪強調，台灣小食坊至少還會在昆士集市大樓營業八個月。拆建的消息傳出去後，很多客人都以為餐廳已經遷移了。

昆士集市內還有其他受華人顧客歡迎小綿羊火鍋(Little Q)、日本料理Sushi Time。這些餐廳也都躲不過必須遷移的命運。



圖：與台灣小食坊設同在昆士集市大樓內的小綿羊火鍋店。(本報攝)

昆士市市議會今年九月投票決定將昆士集市大樓拆除。昆士市政府去年撥出了一千萬元的貸款預算來收購以及拆毀建築。昆士市買下的九個房產內的商家大部份都已遷移和停止營業。

昆士市中央廣場的改建計劃將建一座新的道路來連接Route 3 與Route 3A。昆士市政府上個月決定拆除興國街1585號(1585 Hancock Street)的昆士集市大樓。這棟大樓的一度是Sears百貨公司、太平洋電影院。後來成為汽機車監理站。現在大樓內有幾家餐廳。根據昆士市政府官員表示，昆士市政府花了兩

百萬元購買昆士集市大樓之後通知承租人搬遷之事以及他們的遷移權益。昆士市計劃長丹尼司哈林頓(Dennis Harrington) 表示它們提供承租人的「彈性」搬遷期限，而只承租人真的有心要遷移，它們則不會發給驅逐令。

哈林頓也表示受道路工程影響的幾個亞洲餐廳考慮搬到金門超市的地段，而已有65%的餐廳已在昆士市的別處落腳。

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一種潛在的危險正威脅著我們大家，這就是肥胖症，它是一種在美國歷史上增長最快的流行病。目前美國6至9歲的兒童中有16%是超重或肥胖的：這就是說，有九百萬兒童正處在一種非常危險的情況之中。而根據國家健康和營養測試調查，而0-74歲的成年人中有64%是超重或肥胖的。這些數字是驚人的，現在應當是解決這個問題的時候了。

常見的藉口是“我沒有活動的時間”、“或者”我沒有合適的活動場地”。這些借口是站不住腳的。其實每天有一點體育活動不僅很有好處而且是容易做到的。許多研究表明上樓不要用電梯而改為步行就能大大減少許多疾病，例

如糖尿病和心臟病，在乘坐公車去上班的時候，你可以提前一站下車，然後步行前往。事實上，每天即使只有一點點體育活動對於健康的生活方式都是非常有益的。而隨著嚴冬的遠去，天氣一天天變暖的時候，我們更沒有理由不出去享受外面的世界。

著天氣的轉暖，春天還給我們帶來了新鮮的水果和蔬菜。多年來的研究已經證明營養匱乏的飲食與肥胖症之間有密切的關係。大多數人每天都沒有消費足夠的水果和蔬菜，而代之以富含脂肪和膽固醇的食品。在波士頓生活的一個很大的優點是每逢周末可以在像Haymarket那樣的露天市場買到非常便宜的而又營養豐富的

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現在主動權在我們這邊，我們，只有我們能教育我們的孩子健康的意義以及飲食和活動與健康的關係。當美麗的春天到來的時候，帶你的家人到大自然中進行踏青，這將帶給你雙重的好處：你的心情會得到放鬆同時身體也得到鍛煉。讓我們從現在起就朝著健康的生活方式，將良好的飲食和更多的體育活動加進我們的日常生活，邁出重大的一步。

(Jeffrey Hashim 文、陳公權譯)

羅德島簡訊

9月6日舉行龍舟大賽

由黑石河旅遊中心與駐波士頓台北經濟文化辦事處合辦的年度「台灣日-龍舟賽」活動，將於9月6日(周六)在羅德島州普塔吉市(Pawtucket)黑石河(Blackstone River)畔舉行。

今年的活動除了有來自新英格蘭地區及紐約州30多支隊伍參賽外，還安排國內采風樂團及波士頓與羅島地區僑社團體的動靜態演出與展示，活動精彩可期，歡迎民眾踴躍前往參觀。

這項年度「台灣日-龍舟賽」活動，將於6日上午10時揭幕。舞台表演節目包括胡炳超少林功夫學院的少林功夫特技及雜耍，羅德島州青少年舞獅團的表演

昆士市簡訊

- 免費英文口語班
- 即日起接受報名

昆士市湯姆斯鶴公共圖書館主辦的(Thomas Crane)秋季免費英文口語練習班(English Talk Time group)即將開始，即日起接受報名。口語練習班於九月開辦，為期10週，每週二晚上、週四下午口語練習班週五早上上課，每堂課90分鐘。課程開放給高級和中級英文口語能力者。昆士市各處均有上課地點。報名或查詢請打 617-376-3295。

- 全美華裔婦女會麻省分會秋季班開課

全美華裔婦女會麻省分會將於九月初開始舉辦唱歌和健身舞班。唱歌班每週二晚六點半到七點半，在北昆士星星藝術學校。健身舞班有二處地點共選擇，每週二晚七點三刻到八點三刻，在北昆士星星藝術學校；每週一上午十一點到十二點在華埠上課。

開辦普通話會話班，由資深中文教師主持。此班適合會中文但國語發音不標準的華裔成人。

報名及費用問詢可洽：857-869-6888

碧樹市簡訊

- 第一屆碧樹耆英中秋聯歡會

碧樹市老人事務處(Braintree Council of Aging)為使非亞裔對亞裔文化有些認識並作為文化交流之橋樑，訂於9月22日(週一)上午10時至下午2時在碧樹老人中心 71 Cleveland Ave, Braintree主辦“第一屆碧樹耆英中秋聯歡會”。屆時將有豐富多彩的亞裔傳統文化演出，午膳、遊戲等活動，歡迎碧樹(Braintree)居民參加共渡中秋佳節。有意者請於9/16 前向碧樹老人事務處報名，向潘鑑成

詢問詳情617-686-4359。

摩頓市新聞

- 中秋月餅品嚐招待會

摩頓市華夏文化中心協會9月14日(周六)早上10點至下午2點主辦中秋月餅品嚐招待會。

9月27日(週六)秋季中文課、國語、數學補習、書法、國畫班開課。

詳情請洽Mei Hung。

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昆士市新聞

昆士市中秋聯歡會萬人同歡



圖：華美福利會的攤位吸引了許多孩童及家長嘗試用筷子夾彈珠。（本報攝）



圖：波士頓元極舞聯誼會的元極舞表演。（本報攝）

【本報8月24日訊】第二十一屆昆士市中秋聯歡會於8月24日在昆市市中心的興國街（Hancock Street）舉行。

活動由昆士亞裔協調會（亞協）主辦，並得到昆士市政府鼎力支持。昆市市長科奇（Tom Koch）、市議員麥克納米（Brian McNamee）、昆市警察局長基南（Paul Keenan），還有，昆市亞裔協調會行政主任波達（John Brothers）、亞裔協調會董事會主席熊志根，與贊助單位一起向民眾祝賀中秋佳節。

當天表演節目精彩紛呈，黃強醒獅團的「麒麟慶中秋」舞獅為活動開場，隨後是千佛寺的舞龍，立刻帶動現場熱鬧氣氛。接下來的節目包括昆市忠義學校的兒童合唱與舞蹈、陳嘉琪的阿咪子舞、波士頓絲竹音樂學校的簫獨奏「幽境」、新星藝術學校的兒童民族舞、韓國舞蹈團的韓國舞蹈、亞洲文化中心的「鬥牛舞」與「舞童」、王氏青年會的兒童民族舞蹈、醒目亞洲相聲樂隊的相聲表演、王世旺鄉上舞蹈團的民族舞、蛇蛙肚皮舞蹈團的「扭腰肚皮舞」。

此外，還有波士頓戲曲交流會演出京劇「楊貴妃賞

月」、波士頓元極舞聯誼會的元極舞表演、鼓雲南民族藝術團帶來雲南民族舞。菲律賓舞蹈團、泰國舞蹈團、鼓舞道學院、Forbes舞蹈學校等亞裔表演團體還帶來了菲律賓舞、泰國舞、日本大鼓以及愛爾蘭踢踏舞等節目。功夫大師王安林則帶來武術表演，眾多節目讓觀眾目不暇給，紛紛給予熱烈的掌聲。

近百個街頭攤位提供中秋月餅、手工藝品、盆栽花卉、亞洲各地特色小吃、各式兒童遊戲區，另外還有理財資訊、免費健康檢查、保健衛生義診等。此外，今年還有由MassVote負責的選民登記攤位，希望更多居民能登記成為選民。

亞美福利會的攤位送出手工精細的折紙鶴，大受孩童的歡迎。早上攤位大排長龍，有許多喜愛日式折紙的人士排隊等著看紙鶴的做法。另外亞美福利會攤位也提供用筷子夾彈珠的遊戲，因引起許多孩童與家長的興趣。不懂用筷子的參加者屢試不爽，花了許多時間將彈珠從杯子夾出，放入盤子裡。

昆士市簡訊

· 波士頓華人浸信教會昆士市慶祝成立十六週年，將在九月舉行一系列的慶祝活動如下：

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九月廿一日（主日）下午1點：25pm--崇拜慶祝／講道專題「甜蜜十六」

本會三天的聚會信息將由美加華人浸信會聯會會長許統禮牧師主講。查詢請電617-479-3531 <http://www.cbcogb.org> 或電郵henry_mak@verizon.net麥啓德傳道。

· 免費親子英文班9月底開課

昆士亞裔協調會的免費親子英文班將於9月20日（週六）開課。課程開放給12至14歲的青少年及他們的父母。課程為期16週，由胡運炤教授。書本費\$25，訂金\$30。註冊介紹於9月6日（週六）早上10點至中午12點進行。詳情可撥（617）472-2200 與張微聯絡。

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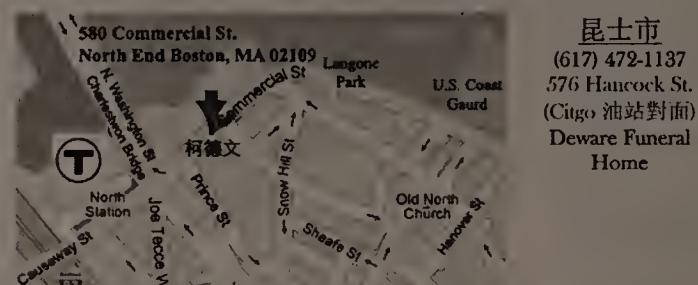
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華埠新聞

發展商看中Jacob Wirth 大樓、計劃建造辦公大樓



圖: Jacob Wirth 老字號餐廳。(本報攝)

【本報訊】具有140年悠久歷史的傑克伯沃斯(Jacob Wirth)大樓近期被伊士達(EASTAT)地展資本公司看中建造一座24層樓的辦公大樓，取代發展商衛斯頓公司(Weston Associates)2006年提議的蓋一家附108客房的酒店計劃。傑克伯沃斯位於史都華街上、花旗銀行旁。

伊士達的計劃也包括一座兩層樓的冬季花園，設計包括一座設在中層樓的咖啡廳、一樓做為的零售商店。目前發展計劃已經在波士頓重建局列檔。辦公室的面積為二十四萬八千平方呎，而建築的架構為玻璃鋼架。辦公室建立計劃預計明年七月開始動工，2011年初完工。

華埠簡訊

波士頓華人行 佈道會舉行 嘉年華會



圖: 嘉年華吸引了許多華埠居民參加。(本報攝)

【本報訊】波士頓華人佈道華埠堂於8月23日在教會會址舉行嘉年華會，名為《愛玩、愛活、愛生命》，吸引了許多華埠居民帶著孩童前往參加。此嘉年華會提供攤位遊戲獎品換領，各項表演包括粵曲欣賞、樂隊演奏。

華埠居民 會慶祝中秋

【本報訊】波士頓華埠居民會於9月3日晚上在昆士小學禮堂舉行中秋慶祝會，吸引了數十名居民前往參加。慶祝會的節目包括了王世旺鄉土舞蹈團表演舞蹈、廣東音藝研究社粵曲演唱、新居與現任執委介紹、分派月餅。

美食簡訊

德興菜館 泰勒街重新 開張



圖: 德興菜館於8月20日在泰勒街70號又重新開張。(本報攝)

活動簡訊

塔芙茨醫 療骨免 辦症 心疏 中質 舉 民 會慶 中秋 講座

塔芙茨醫療中心於9月25日(周四)上午9時的免費早餐講座，將邀請塔芙茨醫療中心醫師Richard Dupee主講與年長者健康相關的「骨質疏鬆症」，現場有國語與粵語翻譯，歡迎耆老參加。座位有限，須預約登記，查詢報名可電(617)778-7994。

華埠新聞

第三十九屆華埠中秋聯歡節 華埠主街盛大舉行



【本報8月17日訊】「第三十九屆華埠中秋聯歡節」於8月17日在華埠主要街道盛大舉行。本屆中秋聯歡節由紐英倫中華公所、波士頓華埠商會、紐英倫中華總會和華埠主街聯合舉辦，而活動吸引了五千名遊客，熱鬧異常。華埠商家在街頭擺設80個以上的攤位，販售節日禮品、特色飲食、盆栽等，提前慶祝中秋佳節。華埠內包括必珠街、乞臣街、泰勒街、夏利臣街等主要街道被圍得水洩不通，人群摩肩擦踵，充滿著歡樂氣氛。

活動在黃氏宗親會青年組瑞獅團的醒獅表演中揭開序幕。代表華埠地區的麻州州參議員戴安韋嘉遜(Dianne Wilkerson)及代表華埠選區的市議員林尼肯(Bill Linehan)等人皆出席。角逐

參議員席位的陳澤蘇妮(Sonia Chang-Diaz)也得到上台籲請支持的機會。中華公所主席何遠光、華埠主街主席余俊明、中華總會會長陳毓禮、波士頓華僑文教服務中心主任葛家榮等社區代表都到場祝賀聯歡節圓滿成功，祝賀佳節。

在華埠牌坊前的舞台上，有由僑聲音樂社、波城心聲曲藝社、仙藝曲藝社及廣東曲藝社表演的粵曲欣賞節目，吸引了不少華人粵曲愛好者。華埠中心地帶的舞台進行許多表演，例如醒獅舞龍、功夫舞蹈。眾多華埠武館及表演團體參與了演出，包括黃氏宗親會瑞獅團、洪青體育會、耀祥國術會、安良工商醒獅團、巾幘醒獅團、中國南派武術館、少林洪家國術學院、真劍道、巴西武術藝術、華林派國術總會、振舜太極

拳總會、黃強醒獅隊、麒麟舞蹈、廣教學校、王世旺鄉土舞蹈團、胡清白鶴派、木蘭舞蹈團等。

八十多個街頭攤位提供中秋月餅、手工藝品、盆栽花卉、影視產品、中國各地特色小吃、各式兒童遊戲區，另外還有理財資訊、免費健康檢查、保健衛生義診等。此外，今年還有由華埠居民會與華人前進會負責的選民登記攤位，希望更多華埠居民能登記成為選民。波士頓中國象棋會也在華埠公園旁擺出的擂台，吸引了許多參賽眾多途人圍觀。

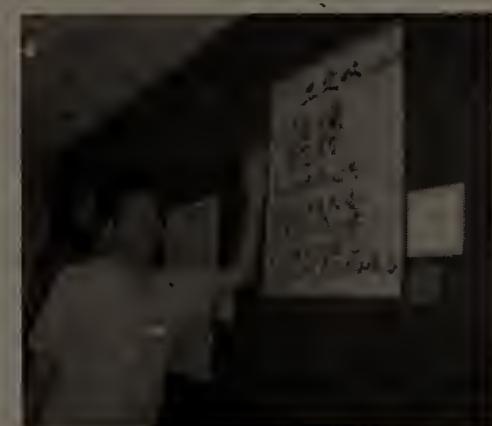
圖：(左)華埠商家在街頭擺設各式攤位。(中、右)華埠公園舉行賽象棋大賽吸引許多觀看者。(本報攝)

華人前進會暑期班青少年 用創意展示華埠議題

【本報8月22日訊】華人前進會第16屆青年暑期班於8月22日在王余紀念廊舉辦唐人街畫展，展示華埠舊風貌以及華裔勞工在美國的歷史和心聲。參加暑期班的有七名波士頓高中生參加。他們的作品包括有書法、畫作、美勞、詩、剪貼來表達自己對華埠這幾十年來發展的看法。

這次的展覽有兩大主題：高級公館式住宅與勞工權益。展覽會的幾幅作品畫的都是華埠新建的高級住宅，強調可負擔住宅的相對減少。就讀波士頓拉丁學院十年級的趙燕彤的作品

之一張命名為「高租金迫使住客」的圖表。圖表顯示華埠今年來不斷增長的租金。陳錦鋒以及陳一帆則各別用書法寫了「難度日」、「工之嘆」的首詩作來表達華裔勞工移民的辛酸史。關宜佳命名為「怪物型的大樓」是件用硬紙做、外形像一個機器人的立體怪物。這個怪物代表一座發了瘋的華埠新建的高級住宅建築。關宜佳的作品形容高級住宅為邪惡的、昂貴的，高級住宅不適合華埠建蓋。另一幅命名為「社區為華埠支柱」的畫作文字寫著：「真正的力量來自社區」。



圖：陳錦鋒的書法詩作「工之嘆」表達華裔勞工移民的辛酸史。(本報攝)

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9月4日(週四) - 1986年上映的《警察故事》(Police Story)。成龍主演。

9月5日(週五) - 1929年上映的《紅俠》(Red Heroine)。默劇電影配合現場音樂。

9月6日(週六) - 1981年上映的《少林三十六房》(The 36th Chamber of Shaolin)。

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圖：成龍主演的《警察故事》英文版海報。(維基百科)



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焦點新聞

華美福利會舉辦民主黨參議候選人辯論會



圖：(左)麻州參議員Dianne Wilkerson、(中)華美福利會諮詢委員Cynthia Tsai、(右)民主黨議會參選人Sonia Chang-Diaz。(本報攝)

【本報9月3日訊】角逐沙福克第二區(Second Suffolk District)的麻州議會席次的民主黨候選人麻州參議員戴安威韋嘉遜(Dianne Wilkerson)與陳灌蘇妮(Sonia Chang-Diaz)於9月3日進行了一場由華美福利會主辦的大選辯論會，討論華埠以及公共事務相關議題。

韋嘉遜與陳灌蘇妮將在9月16日的初選當中角逐沙福克第二區的麻州議會席次提名。沙福克第二區的選區包括華埠、南區、牙買加平原等臨近波士頓區域。韋嘉遜為現任克第二區的麻州議員。韋嘉遜與陳灌蘇妮同時在2006初選時就時就成為了競爭對手，而韋嘉遜則贏得了選舉。這次大選共和黨在角逐沙福克第二區並與無候選人。

這次辯論會議題包括華埠失業率、平價住屋、華埠商業

經濟、醫療系統、移民政策、成人教育以及工作技能訓練、賭博。

對於提高華埠商業經濟，陳灌蘇妮提倡注重於小型企業的以及減低小型企業醫療保險的負擔。威可遜則認為華埠必須要有大型企業(primary business)來提供小型企業(secondary business)更多的商機。韋嘉遜舉例塔扶茲醫學中心以及南車站輔助華埠小型企業的商機。

兩位候選人都反對在麻州建立賭場、將非法移民犯罪化，而同意提供更多資金給成人及職業訓練，雙語醫療服務、雙語全譯選票、以及增加華埠平價住屋。

辯論會吸引了100位左右的華埠以及關心公共事務的各界人士參與。

韋嘉遜與陳灌蘇妮專訪請參考第八版)

移民資訊

入籍新試題於10月1日正式上路

【本報訊】美國公民及移民服務局(USCIS)的一百道入籍新試題於10月1日正式上路。整體來說，新試題與以前的試題比起來難度高出許多，未來入籍應試者及教授入籍課程的教師，勢必要花更多時間準備考試。

新的入籍試題將適用於2008年10月1日以後申請入籍的移民，如果在上述日期前已經提出入籍申請、並已安排在2009年10月1日前面試者，都將使用現有試題考試。

新的入籍考試主要分為三大部分，第一部份：移民官的問話，主要考察說的能力。第

二部份考查聽力，共十張問卷，前五張問個人情況，後五張問一些道德品行方面，很簡單就是yes和no，但是如果聽不懂就很難回答。第三部份基本上是歷史和政府問題。

新試題比目前考題的知識範圍更加廣泛，複雜程度也大為增加。高難度考題。

這些為成為入籍考試的必讀題新的一百道題中，部分問題的語法、提問方式，與原先公布的144道試行考題也稍有改變。

入籍考試舊的試題是100道，新試題144道。

華埠新聞

亞美社區協會舉行24地段說明會爭取計畫發展區域支持



圖：(左)24號地段乞臣街以東、尼倫街以北、奧本尼街以西。(右)24地段發展有限公司說明會現場。(本報攝)

【本報8月27日報導】亞美社區發展協會(ACDC)於8月27日晚上在頓華埠信義大廈社區室舉行24地段開放空間使用的說明會。亞美社區發展協會行政主任劉繼明在會上說明目前的計畫進度，同時解釋「計畫發展區域」(Planned Development Area，簡稱PDA)的意義。

劉繼明表示，24地段已經在華埠牌樓計畫發展區(Chinatown Gateway PDA)範圍內。在「PDA」中，將提出一套發展計畫，針對該方案作各項建議，包括：如何疏導車輛與行人、怎樣設計開放空間，以及規劃出方案對社區的利益等。所以，未來的發展規範也是針對24地段項目。

在場的年長人士對24地段計畫所提出的綜合性大樓裡面所含的平價住宅及老人住宅數量非常關切。參加說明會的幾位華埠人士質疑「PDA」一舉是讓開發商有更大的彈性空間可以改變起初的設計計劃。劉繼明說他們目前正積極爭取平價住宅經費，主

要經費來源包括波士頓市鄰里發展局及麻州房屋與社區發展廳(Department of Housing)。正對「PDA」的爭議，他也強調，「PDA」其實是會讓開發商在設計方面受到更大的局限。

任何「計畫發展區域」必須同時經由波士頓重建局(BRA)與區域劃分委員會(Zoning Commission)舉行公聽會後核准。劉繼明指出，24地段作為計畫開發區域，也是經過社區共識的建立，讓社區民眾對此計畫所能達到的目標有充分的了解。

發展區域的計畫獲得批准之後，開發商若日後要做任何改變，都必須經重建局批准；同時，建築物的高度、設計與用途，也都必須符合已通過的發展計畫。

亞美社區發展協會與新波士頓發展公司(New Boston Fund Inc.)合作組建的24地段發展有限公司(Parcel 24, LLC)，發展此地段。

波士頓華埠居民共同主席余士昂回憶24地段的歷史時提

到住在乞臣街的300多為居民於1962年因政府要改建市容被破壞、流離他方。2003年時華埠十多個社區團體聯合起來向政府將24地段還給華埠居民，建立平價住屋。後來由亞美發展協會、華人前進會、波士頓華埠居民會、中華公所、華人經濟發展協會所組成的24地段乞臣街大聯盟討論24地段的未來發展目標。不久之後亞美發展協會推出聯盟、並成為25地段的發展商。

24地段為435,800平方英尺的用地，其中包括325住家單位、5,500平方英尺商業及零售商用地、60,000平方英尺社區用地、165停車位。目前空地為華埠乞臣街以東、尼倫街以北、奧本尼街以西。

開發商於2008年8月26日申請「計畫發展區域」(Planned Development Area, PDA)的申請。

波士頓重建局將於9月9日(週二)晚間6時30分，在華埠雙樹酒店(Doubletree Hotel)的櫻花廳舉辦公聽會。

入籍新試題例題

問：為什麼美國國旗有13道條紋？

答：13道條紋代表原來的13個英國殖民地。/

問：自由女神雕像在這裡？

答：在自由島(Liberty Island)、紐約。/

問：試例一個美國管轄下之領土(US territory)？

答：波多黎各、美國維京群島(US Virgin Islands)、美屬薩摩亞(American Samoa)、北馬里亞納群島(Northern Mariana Islands)、關島(Guam)。/

問：現任美國眾議院議長是誰？

答：裴洛西(Nancy Pelosi)。/

問：美國最高法院大法官有幾位？

答：九位。/

問：美國憲法增修條文有幾條？

答：二十七條。/

問：美國經濟體系為何？

答：資本主義。/

問：美國參議員任期為幾年？

答：六年。/

問：眾議院有幾位成員？

答：435位。/

問：美國公民滿幾歲以上可以選總統？

答：十八歲。/

問：寄送聯辦所得稅的截止日期？

答：4月15日。/

問：獨立宣言的作者是誰？

答：湯姆士·傑佛遜。/

問：獨立宣言的作者是誰？

答：湯姆士·傑佛遜。/

問：美國在冷戰時期最擔心的是什麼？

答：共產主義。/

問：美國東岸濱鄰哪個海洋？

答：大西洋。/

問：美國西岸濱鄰哪個海洋？

答：太平洋。/

問：美國國歌的名稱？

答：星條旗之歌。/